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MAR 26 2003

MARY L. M. MORAN
CLERK OF COURT

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CARMEN KATHERINE RODRIGUEZ,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JOSEPH E. MASTERS,

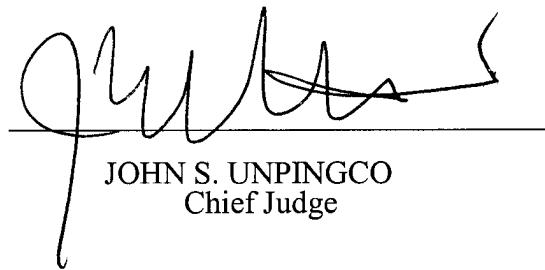
Defendant.

Civil Case No. 02-00033

ORDER

On March 21, 2003, the plaintiff sent the Court a fax wherein she requests an extension of time to file certain pleadings, specifically an Amended Scheduling Order and Amended Discovery Plan. See attached hereto Exhibit A. The plaintiff, proceeding pro se, states that she no longer has representation and is in the process of seeking legal counsel to assist her. Moreover, because she has no legal training she needs additional time to prepare such filings. The Court finds that the plaintiff's request is made in good faith, and hereby GRANTS the plaintiff's request. The plaintiff shall have until May 1, 2003, approximately 30 days from the issuance of this Order to file the appropriate documents. However, the plaintiff needs to bear in mind that she needs to comply with this Order and to adhere to the Court's scheduling dates in the future. The Clerk of Court is ordered to serve this Order on the plaintiff forthwith, either personally or by certified mail, return receipt requested.

SO ORDERED this 26th day of March, 2003.


JOHN S. UNPINGCO
Chief Judge

Fax

To: The Honorable Judge Unpingco
From: Carmen Rodriguez

Fax: 473-9186 Pages: 1

Phone: 473-9200 Date: 03/21/03
CIVIL CASE NO. 02-00033
Re: Amended Scheduling Order CC:
Motions to add parties and claims
Motions to amend pleadings
both due March 21, 2003
Amended Discovery Plan
Disclosures due March 24, 2003
and March 31, 2003

X Urgent For Review Please Comment Please Reply Please Recycle

Dear Judge Unpingco,

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Because of this tenuous situation, I am asking for an extension of time for the Amendments of the Scheduling Order and the Discovery Plan, namely:

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Amended Discovery Plan

Fed. R. Civ. P. 26 (a) (1) initial disclosures due on or before March 21, 2003.
Initial Fed. R. Civ. P. 26 (a) (2) disclosures due on or before March 31, 2003.

If possible, I would like them to be rescheduled for the end of April 2003.

I will still continue to seek legal counsel because I do not believe that it is in my best interest to appear *pro se*. Not only because I have been under doctors' care since the trauma incident involving the defendant, but I do not profess to have any legal training and it would be fool hardy for me to buy some Cliff Notes to prepare for my case. Surely they don't exist.

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I hope you will accept this request and I thank you for taking the time to give your attention to this matter.

**** A hard copy will follow.**

EXHIBIT A

Fax

To: U.S. District Court

From:

Fax: 473-9186

Pages: 2

Phone: 473-9200

Date:

Re: CIVIL CASE NO. 02-00033

CC:

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Please accept the following proposed request re:

1. Amended Scheduling Order
2. Amended Discovery Plan

Fax

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MAR 24 2003

DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM
HAGATNA, GUAM

To: The Honorable Judge Unpingco
U.S. District Court, Guam

From: Carmen Rodriguez (632-2434) *C.Rodriguez*
P.O. Box 10482 Tamuning, Gu 96931

Fax: 473-9186

Pages: 1

Phone: 473-9200

Date: 03/24/03

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